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RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EFFORTS TO PROTECT THE STRATOSPHERIC OZONE LAYER AND EFFORTS TO SAFEGUARD THE GLOBAL CLIMATE SYSTEM: ISSUES RELATING TO HYDROFLUOROCARBONS AND PERFLUOROCARBONS

Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) recalled its conclusions on this matter at its sixteenth session, as contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2002/6, paragraph 41, in particular subparagraph (f), which noted the importance of developing a balanced scientific, technical and policy-relevant information package. It reiterated the need for policy-neutral, user-friendly information to be made available to all Parties and stakeholders to assist them in making informed decisions when evaluating alternatives to ozone-depleting substances while at the same time contributing to the objectives of the Montreal Protocol and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC);

2. The SBSTA noted with appreciation the information provided by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the Technology and Economic Assessment Panel (TEAP) of the Montreal Protocol (FCCC/SBSTA/2002/MISC.23), in response to the invitation of the SBSTA, at its sixteenth session, to develop such an information package.

3. The SBSTA concluded that the responses of the IPCC and the TEAP fully addressed the modalities, feasibility, resource implications and timing of providing the balanced scientific and technical information (FCCC/SBSTA/2002/6, para. 41 (h)), the criteria for the information package (FCCC/SBSTA/2002/6, para. 41 (i)) and the coverage of the information package (FCCC/SBSTA/2002/6, para. 41 (g)). The SBSTA strongly encouraged the integration of all aspects into one integrated report. The SBSTA noted the important need to utilize technical expertise on each sector in the preparation of the report and acknowledged the intent of the IPCC and TEAP to respond to this need.

4. Therefore, the SBSTA agreed to recommend a draft decision on this agenda item as contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2002/L.19/Add.1 for adoption by the Conference of the Parties at its eighth session.

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